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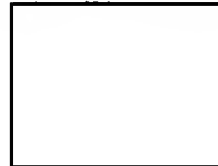
STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 25 November 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell  
Col. Burke  
Mr. Reber



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Mr. Cunningham



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1.        Directive - The        Directive is now in final form and is ready to be transmitted. Both Mr. Bissell and Col. Burke asked that if there were any additions or deletions desired on the part of any section, these should be made known to them by the close of business 25 November.

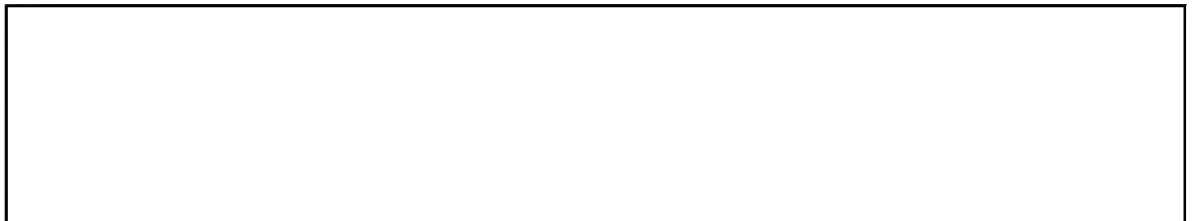
In anticipation that this directive might cause some concern among contractors, particularly Kelly Johnson, there was some discussion about informing                      of the over-all sensitivity as well as responsibilities ~~on~~ on contractors by the Project.

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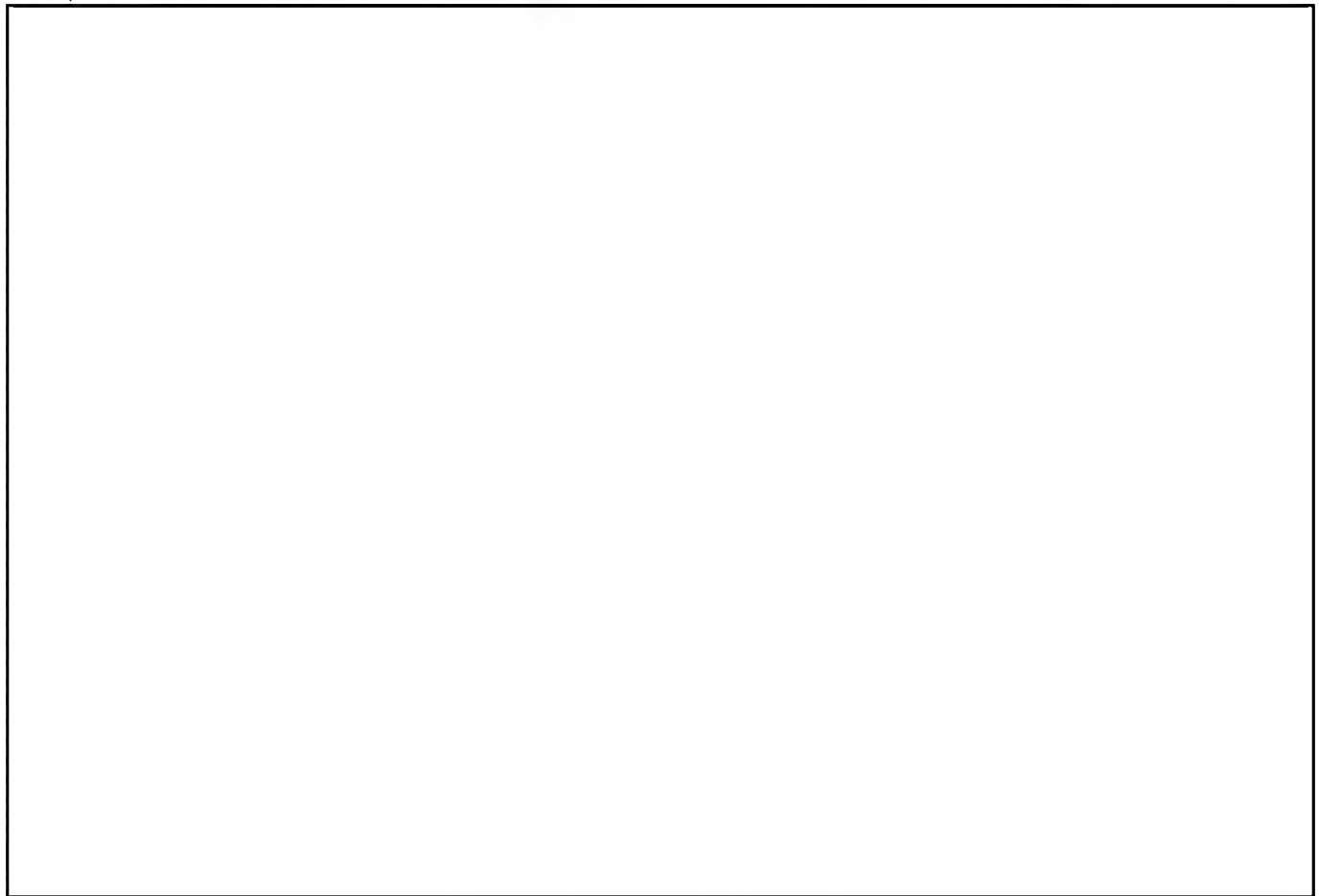
ACTION: Col. Burke

2. Staff Directive - Progress on a staff directive has apparently slowed down as a result of certain possible organizational changes affecting DPS. Mr. Bissell requested, however, that staff sections keep working on this as history had shown that a total settling down for DPS probably would never happen.

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ACTION: Col. Burke

5. Security Plan for Staging - [ ] said that the Security Section was in the process of reviewing security problems encountered in the [ ] staging, with the aim of drawing up a tight security plan for a [ ] staging operation.

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ACTION: Security

6. Security Plan for Follow-on Program - [ ] that a particular security problem in any follow-on program is that some suppliers, notably [ ] are involved in feasibility studies in more than one proposed DPS program, and that keeping the various supplier personnel compartmented was especially difficult because the same DPS Headquarters personnel were involved in the various programs.

7. Scramble Phones - Investigation has shown that the Agency has a 20-station scramble phone system of which 10 stations are still available. It was determined that we would seek 3 of these stations

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with the phones to be placed in Operations, Col. Geary's office and Mr. Bissell's Admin Building office.

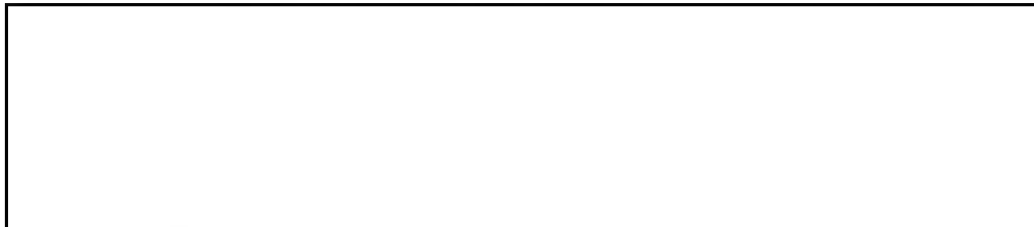
ACTION: Commo

8. Test Status Board -

25X1A a. Dual Oxygen - Recent discussions clarified the nature of Col. Beerli's suggested emergency oxygen system, which involves a fairly minor aircraft modification. [ ] of Lockheed, has concurred and will attempt to establish specifications for the mod by 1 December.

A Lockheed modification which calls for low pressure warning lights, a sight gauge and an automatic feature which allows switching from one regulator to another, is coming along well but does not yet have the operational reliability desired for adoption. Testing will continue.

b. System I Testing - Further conversations on this subject have resulted in System I being removed from the test status board. In fact, what was listed as System I testing was continued testing of the arcing problem in the Rambo pre-amp.



25X1A d. [ ] Meetings with [ ]  
25X1D on results of the [ ] to date have not shown expected  
25X1A results. Part of the problem concerns the lack of power of the present mod, which could be corrected. Under certain circumstances the device might act as a beacon. Although two more flight tests are required and will be carried out, Mr. Bissell requested D & P to re-evaluate the background of the original proposal. In the course of this re-investigation, a higher power version should also be looked into.

25X1A ACTION: [ ]

25X1A In view of the above, [ ] noted, and Mr. Bissell  
25X1A concurred, that he would terminate the spare parts contract  
for [ ]

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25X1A 9. Zoom Climb Tests - [ ] announced that the Zoom Climb Tests were set to start on 8 December, with all participating personnel in place on 7 December. It is expected that five successful flights will be required and that they will take approximately two weeks to complete. Final arrangements are now being coordinated. On behalf of DPS, [ ] will be stationed at Eglin and [ ] at Del Rio.

25X1A 10. Agency Air Ops - Mr. Bissell said that the "political clearances" for a review of Air Division functions by DPS had been secured with the exception of [ ]. He said he would speak to [ ] in the near future.

ACTION: Mr. Bissell

Mr. Bissell said his reaction to an initial examination of Agency air assets was that in some departments they probably could be compressed, although he agreed that direct Agency control should be maintained for valid emergency purposes.

Pending the clearances noted above, responsible DPS Sections were requested to work on their portions of an over-all staff directive.

25X1C 11. [ ] - Mr. Bissell reviewed some of the Agency's history in the conduct of [ ] and noted his tentative conclusion that a cadre for this type of activity would not look too different in structure from the current DPS organization. He noted that [ ] would shortly be returning from [ ] to assume responsibility for this type of activity, among others.

25X1A 12. Office Space for DPS - There was a short discussion of possible expansion in DPS office space in the Matomic Building, occasioned by the probable reorganization noted in paragraph 10 above. Mr. Bissell said he would discuss this with [ ] and Mr. Cunningham noted that the request would not come as a total surprise.

25X1A 13. Palo Alto Communications - [ ] stated that communications at [ ] would be activated 4 December 1958.

25X1 14. Development of Equipment for Pre-Burnout Telemetry - Mr. Bissell said that if we were absolutely assured of the Air Force view on responsibility for the development of equipment for pre-burnout telemetry and for responsibility for the conduct of operations, D & P was to take the lead with the assistance of Communications in the development of such equipment.

ACTION: Mr. Reber, D & P

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